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INFORMATION OBTAINED BY "GRISHA" FROM FRENCH MILITARY ATTACHE AND VERIFIED  
THROUGH "BRAT" (1942)

From: STOCKHOLM

To: MOSCOW

No: 3522

23rd December 1942

[1 group unrecovered][a] 816[b].

The French Military Attaché [6 groups unrecovered] the French Legation in  
STOCKHOLM that large numbers of German troops have been transferred from FINLAND  
to northern NORWAY and that General DIETL [DITL][i] at present

[40 groups unrecoverable]

[1 group unrecovered]

all German troops from FINLAND [6 groups unrecovered]. (This information is from  
"GRISHA"[ii] and was obtained by him from the local[iii] French Military Attaché.)  
I have taken measures to verify this intelligence through "BRAT"[iv].

[c]

[Signatory not recovered]

Notes: [a] This group may represent "Further to No.", "with ref. to our No." or  
"End of No.".

[b] See note [a] above. This may be a single part message beginning with  
a reference to another message numbered 816. (No Message No. 816 is  
available.)

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Notes: [c] See note [a] above. This may be the final part of a two-part or multi-part message numbered 816. If so, the internal serial No. 816 (Cont'd) should appear in the translation in the usual place at the bottom left hand corner. (No other message parts numbered 816 are available.)

- Comments: [i] DIETL: ✓ Col. General Eduard DIETL who commanded 20th Army which was formed in the winter of 1941-42 in northern FINLAND.
- [ii] GRISHA: X Jules Nils Mario GUESDE, French Press Attaché in STOCKHOLM.
- [iii] Presumably the French M.A. in STOCKHOLM, Lt. Col. M. POUPARD. It could mean the M.A. in FINLAND but this seems much less likely.
- [iv] BRAT: i.e. "BROTHER", unidentified covername. Also occurs in STOCKHOLM's No. 3369 of 17th December 1943 (3/NBF/T1647).